



SEAC
Special Education Advisory Council
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Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) Meeting
August 14, 2026 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

AGENDA

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Ala Moana Hotel
Ilima Room, Level
410 Atkinson Drive
Honolulu, HI 96814

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Agenda

- 9:00 a.m. A. Call to Order/Welcome
- 9:05 a.m. B. Roll Call/Introductions and “Why I Serve on SEAC” Activity Led by Martha Guinan, SEAC Vice Chair
- 9:20 a.m. C. Input from the Public
- 9:30 a.m. D. Refresher on SEAC Security Protocols by Susan Wood, SEAC Chair
- 9:35 a.m. E. Update on Special Education from a National Perspective by Jennifer Wolfsheimer, Senior Program Associate, WestEd
- 9:55 a.m. F. 2026 Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) Determination by Brikena White, Monitoring and Compliance Branch (MAC), HIDOE
The discussion will focus on the accountability rating received from OSEP for HIDOE’s State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report (SPP/APR) for School Year (SY) 24-25 which was submitted in February 2026.
- 10:15 a.m. G. HIDOE Priorities of the Exceptional Support Branch (ESB) and Monitoring and Compliance (MAC) Branch for SY 26-27 by Helen “Kupu” Kaniho
Exceptional Support Branch (ESB) and Brikena White (MAC)
- 10:30 a.m. H. A Refresher on Leading by Convening (LbC) by Susan Wood, SEAC Chair
A review of the LbC process as SEAC’s chosen means of solving complex problems around special education will include a description of its components and tools.
- 10:40 a.m. I. Review of SEAC Priorities for SY 25-26 and Priority Setting (“Buckets”) for SY 26-27 facilitated by Susan Wood and Martha Guinan*
Members will discuss and vote on 3-4 priority topics to explore and offer recommendations in SY 26-27.
- 11:15 a.m. J. Membership Committee Nomination of Parent Representative for Maui*
Members will be asked to approve the nomination of Regina Corniel to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Melissa Johnson.
- 11:25 a.m. K. Approval of Minutes for May 8, 2026 Meeting*
- 11:35 a.m. L. Agenda Setting for September 11, 2026 Meeting*
- 11:45 a.m. M. Announcements
- 12:00 p.m. N. Adjournment

*Action Required

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1. Who cares about this issue and why?
2. What work is already underway?
3. What shared work can inform and unite us?
4. How can we deepen our connection?

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